LIVINGSTON — The towns and rural area of Livingston Parish outside Denham Springs have developed rapidly in recent years.

Acreage of pine forests have been cleared and developed for subdivisions and individual homesites. The U.S. Census Bureau says the parish’s population has grown from 36,511 in 1970 and 32,651 in 1980 to an estimated 72,000 at present.

There is little industry here and the public school system is the largest employer in the parish. Most of the developed land is used for housing for people who work in other parishes.

An industrial park is being developed on U.S. 190 east of Walker, and includes a large pipe fabricating plant.

Newcomers will find public services available in unincorporated portions of the parish as well as within the several towns and villages.

To the east of Denham Springs, Walker and the area surrounding it is the fastest growing part of Livingston Parish.

The mayor of Walker is Mike Grimmer and his office telephone number is 664-453. Gas and water connections can be arranged by calling 664-3123. The Police Department, headed by Chief Rufus Hughes, can be reached at 664-3064. The Fire Department number is 664-7102.

Electrical hookups are provided in all parts of the parish by one of three companies, depending on the location. Gulf States Utilities is at 664-6141; P&O Electric Co., is at 664-6933; and Louisiana Power & Light Co. is at 645-3305.

Most of the telephone service is sold by South Central Bell, 671-3222, but some of the southern portion of the parish is serviced by East Ascension Telephone Co. 671-5051.


The Livingston Parish School Board has schools throughout the parish, and the system is considered to be of good quality.

Superintendent Carroll Leggett’s number is 664-2223.

Other parishwide agencies are headquartered in the parish seat, which is the town of Livingston. The Sheriff’s Office, at 664-2241, assists with all types of emergencies and collects taxes.

The parish’s governing body, the police jury and its staff, is designed to take care of roads and ditches and issues building permits and can be reached at 686-2260.

Also in the courthouse are the district attorney’s office, 686-7283; the clerk of court, 686-2216; the tax assessor, 686-7280; the county agent, 686-2159; the district judges, 686-7461; the library, 686-7436; and the Food Stamp office, 686-7111.

The town of Livingston, where Jimmie Miller is mayor and Gary Stewart is police chief, has one telephone number for police and water and gas connections, 686-7153. For fire calls 686-7139.

In French Settlement, along the Amite River, the town hall number is 689-6100 and the volunteer Fire Department is 689-3333. For police matters call 689-3404 or the Sheriff’s Office at 686-2241. The number for water is 1-800-963-7570 and natural gas is available from Port Vincent Gas Co.